

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

KENTUCKY WEST VIRGINIA GAS COMPANY'S)
PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN) CASE NO. 8742
NATURAL GAS WELLS)

O R D E R

The Commission has received from Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company ("Kentucky West") approximately 700 applications for natural gas well reclassifications as authorized by the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978 ("NGPA"). The Commission has also learned of approximately 1050 additional applications from the same company for reclassification of natural gas wells. For each well reclassification, Kentucky West has applied for classification under Section 107(c)(4) of the NGPA, Devonian Shale. If all of these reclassifications are approved there will be a very substantial impact of the rates of customers in Kentucky served by Kentucky West.

Upon considering its obligation to the natural gas rate-payers of the Commonwealth, the number of wells involved in the applications, and the potential impact upon many natural gas consumers in Kentucky, the Commission has determined that a hearing on the matter of Kentucky West's well reclassification applications is warranted in order to clarify the ramifications and potential repercussions of the reclassifications and to allow

Kentucky West the opportunity to clearly state its intentions and justification for the reclassifications. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that this matter is set for a hearing on Tuesday, December 21, 1982, at 1:00 P.M., E.S.T. It is further ORDERED that Kentucky West will appear to justify its proposed reclassifications and to discuss the ramifications and repercussions of its proposed action.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of December, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary